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Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on January 12, 2004.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 99361 rendered on 09/09/03 denied as "F, 284 – No allowance was recommended as this procedure indicates a status 'B'"; reconsideration, by the carrier, of the billed services, dated December 29, 2003 reveals that "Audit Stands. This service is unbundled from the original office visit".

II. RATIONALE

Requestor did not submit a position statement.

Respondents' position statement dated February 9, 2004 states in part... "Carrier stands on audit. The documentation sent does not match the CPT Code Description of 99361..."

 CPT Code 99361 – The Medicare Online Fee Schedule does not recognize the team conference CPT code billed. Per Ingenix EncoderPro payment for the team conference is included in the payment for the services to which they relate. Reimbursement is not recommended.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is not entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 99361.

The above Findings and Decision is hereby issued this 27th day of May 2004.

Marguerite Foster Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division

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